

Wallops Contractor Safety Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRMAN: David Quillen/Cube

ATTENDANCE:

Dwayne Rye/CSC
Dick Davis/SCSC
Ed Sudendorf/830
Owen Hooks/EG&G
Jim Deaton/NSROC
David Quillen/Cube
Terry Potterton/803

John Glenn/Lockheed
Tom Pettis/830
Mike Singer/830
Don Shumaker/Cube
Marvin Bunting/CSC
Bill Hargrove/ManTech
Bob Hickman/CSC

AGENDA:

Runway Incursions
Proposed WFF Confined Space Program Overview
Monthly Incident Report (attached)
Upcoming Safety Training

MINUTES:

Old Business:

No old business discussed

New Business

RUNWAY INCURSIONS: Mr. Ed Sudendorf, the WFF Airport Manager, was invited to give a talk concerning new airport procedures that are currently being developed, and recent runway incursions. He discussed the importance of ensuring that personnel are made aware of the hazards involving crossing and working around airport runways. The new procedures will be implemented in the near future and will describe the requirements and procedures when working around the taxiways and runways.

LIQUID NITROGEN INCIDENT: Terry Potterton discussed a recent incident involving a liquid nitrogen storage tank. A N2 Gas leak was discovered recently in which the Safety Office performed an initial enquiry as to the cause. It is believed that a pressure relief valve may have frozen in a closed position allowing pressure to build up. As a result a pressure blow-out disc ruptured causing the leak. It is believed that

someone replaced the pressure relief valve with a cheaper less expensive valve that was not design for that application. It was discussed that this could have been a far more serious incident due to high pressures that can develop in cryogenic systems. It is extremely important to replace components with the "as Built" design components. Managers that have responsibilities for equipment such as the N2 storage tanks should have requirements and procedures developed that address the hazards and how to control them.

CONFINED SPACE PROGRAM: Dwayne Rye/CSC/803 gave a presentation on the Proposed WFF Confined Space Program. The proposed program is designed make the confined space process standardized and easier for confined space personnel to enter. A draft version of the program will be distributed in the near future to contractors and Government branches for their review and comments.

INCIDENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER: Dwayne Rye/CSC/803 discussed the September WFF incident report. The report has been modified to show the injuries, lost time incidents, and close calls for all past months. The report shows a comparison between government and contractor injuries and lost time. The report also shows the total days since the last lost time for both government and contractors.

UPCOMING NSTC TRAINING: The following NSTC Training course will be offered in November: Fall Protection - Nov 27-28, ; Forklift Refresher - Nov. 29 (AM); Lockout/Tagout- Nov. 29(PM); Scaffolding user's Seminar - Nov. 30 (AM); Forklift Refresher Nov.30 (PM) Notices for registration will be sent in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions or have information that you would like to discuss please contact Dave Quillen at Ext. 2025 or Dwayne Rye at ext. 1884,

The next Contractor Safety Council meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2001 at 10 a.m. in building E-107, Room 117.

See You Next Month.